

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 10, 12, 15, 22, and 25 to improve form. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1-10, 12-15, and 17-28 remain pending.

In telephone conferences occurring on the 11th and 16th of October, 2007, between Examiner Bell and Applicants' representative, Examiner Bell indicated that the above claim amendments would overcome the previous rejection of claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12-15, and 17-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on Chi et al. ("Context Query in Information Retrieval"), and in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as based on Chi et al. in view of Nguyen (U.S. Patent No. 5,444,823); the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Chi in view of Applicants' alleged admitted prior art; and the rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Chi et al. in view of Mukherjee et al. ("Automatic Discovery of Semantic Structures in HTML Documents"), and thus would place the application in condition for allowance, pending a further search.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

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